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**Informational Letter Regarding Enacted Laws
By the Maine State Legislature During the 129th First Regular Session**

There were laws enacted during the 129th First Regular Session that impact the Maine Board of Dental Practice statutory authority as outlined in Title 32 Chapter 143, referred to as the "Dental Practice Act." Below is a list and summary of those laws, including their effective dates and implementation status, if applicable.

New legislation:

- Public Law 2018, chapter 92 "An Act to Set Maine Dental Provider Licensing Fees" (effective September 19, 2019)
- Public Law 2018, chapter 388 "An Act to Align the Laws Governing Dental Therapy with Standards Established by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation" (effective September 19, 2019)

Summary/Implementation:

- Public Law 2018, chapter 92 - amends the Dental Practice Act by reducing the statutory fee cap for dental hygiene licensure and by increasing the statutory fee cap for dentist licensure and permits. No further action is needed to implement this legislation.
- Public Law 2018, chapter 388 - amends the Dental Practice Act by clarifying the name of the practice authority from "dental hygiene therapist" to "dental therapist." The new law further clarifies the educational requirements as well as the practice requirements. The Board is currently engaged in rulemaking to fully implement the new statutory provisions. This new law also requires the Board to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services recommended changes to the statutory definitions of supervision, as well as identify a proposed definition of teledentistry.

Should you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact board staff.

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Maine State Legislature: <http://legislature.maine.gov/>

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